

Massa will accomplish whatever she sets her sights upon. I ask only that she always remembers that her father will always love her with that special love only a father can have for a daughter, that only a parent can have for their child.

Thank You, Madam Speaker.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF OFFICER BRANDON SIGLER OF MOBILE, ALABAMA

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of Alabama's finest who recently made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of his city and the people he protected.

Mobile Police Officer Brandon Sigler was killed in the line of duty earlier this month. Officer Sigler was shot while responding to a domestic disturbance. He was off-duty trying to break up a fight in the parking lot of his apartment complex.

Brandon Sigler was a bright light in the Mobile Police Department as well as in his community. Brandon attended McGill-Toolen High School and was a graduate of Murphy High School. He played football at Tennessee Tech University and Delta State University. Brandon graduated from Faulkner University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He served as an officer in the Mobile Police Department for less than two years and, in that short time, he became known as an outgoing and positive individual. He always had a smile, a smile by which so many came to know him.

Mobile Chief of Police Phillip Garrett told the hundreds of people who attended Brandon's funeral, "In his short years, he meant a lot to a lot of people. And every one of them talked about his smile."

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to take a few moments to pay tribute to Officer Brandon Sigler of the Mobile Police Department. I ask that you remember him as a man who always put other people first. He was a young man who loved his family, friends, and community with unquestionable devotion. The city of Mobile has lost a true role model and hero.

We should also remember Brandon's parents, Nina Gordon and Herman Woods; his brothers, Timothy and Joel Gordon; his sisters, Sarita and Adrienne Woods; and his fiancée, LaKenda Craig; her daughter, Katlyn McCormick; and his colleagues at the Mobile Police Department—as well as his many other family members and friends. We should keep all of them in our prayers and ask that God will comfort them through the difficult days ahead.

Officer Brandon Sigler was an honorable and courageous man who died serving the city of Mobile. May he rest in peace.

### EARMARK DISCLOSURE

### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on congressionally directed funding, I am submitting the following information regarding funding included in H.R. 2997, the House Agriculture Appropriations bill of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 will be used to advance farm energy efficiencies by coupling advanced information, communication and control technologies with improved plant materials, by-product use and energy capture conversion techniques.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

Legal Name of Recipient: Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Address of Recipient: 4310 Lexington Rd, Athens, GA 30603

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$2,423,000 will help farmers address existing and emerging water supply issues with on-farm water storage.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$209,000 will allow for the development of new cultivars which combined with pre- and post-harvest management practices will increase production efficiency and improve quality of fruit delivered to consumers.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$346,000 will provide for the development of Web-based systems and in-field practices to provide water conservation alternatives that are distinct, direct and economical.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: ARS, Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Recipient: ARS National Peanut Research Lab, Dawson, GA

Address of Recipient: 1011 Forrester Drive SE, Dawson, GA 39842

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$1,200,000 will be used to produce the best management practices that will lead to water conservation.

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: CSREES, Special Grants

Legal Name of Recipient: University of Georgia College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences

Address of Recipient: 101 Conner Hall, Athens, GA 30602

Description of Request: Funding in the amount of \$178,000 will be used to evaluate new disease management tactics for control of Phytophthora blight. No treatments or combination of measures exist to effectively suppress Phytophthora losses which often devastate the production of vegetable crops.

### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Minor Use Animal Drug Program

Amount: \$429,000

Account: Research & Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Minor Use Animal Drug program is used to identify animal drug needs for minor species and minor uses in major species, to generate and disseminate data for safe and effective therapeutic applications and to facilitate FDA approval for drugs identified as a priority for a minor species or minor use.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Northeast Iowa Community-Based Dairy Foundation

Amount: \$159,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Northeast Iowa Community-Based Dairy Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 1527 Hwy. 150, S., Calmar, IA 52132

Description of Request: The Dairy Education project aims to increase the success of American dairies by providing education on production technology, environmental stewardship, marketing and competitiveness. The project has goals of retaining, growing and fostering the development of the industry. The dairy industry is a major component of the Midwest's economy and the project aims to develop successful farms that are vital to local communities.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Center of Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD)

Amount: \$412,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) Biofuels Impact Analysis project at Iowa State University provides unbiased analyses of the effects of changes in technology and policy on the production of biofuels and on the cost and manufacturing of traditional agricultural and energy products. These analyses are based on supply and demand models of agricultural products, biofuels, and traditional, crude oil based energy markets, both domestically and internationally. Results of these analyses help key decision makers and citizens of Iowa and the U.S. make informed choices between alternative policy options, by providing answers to pressing questions about the impacts of those options on agricultural prices, net returns, production, consumption, and government spending. Using existing measures of the net carbon emissions per unit of agricultural output for each agricultural commodity in each country, the CARD program also will develop a methodology to measure the worldwide carbon footprint of agriculture and incorporate this footprint measure into existing multi-country, multi-commodity models.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Animal Food Science & Food Safety Consortium

Amount: \$939,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: Animal Food Science & Food Safety Consortium addresses potential threats to food safety during the production of the live animal, processing, distribution, and consumption. When necessary, this initiative develops sampling and testing strategies to rapidly identify contaminants and determine the distribution of the contaminant in the food supply. Additionally, program staff are working to establish intervention strategies to minimize the threat of contaminants and to assure a safe food supply. The program also is developing recovery strategies and training procedures for these industries in the event of a natural or intentional contamination event. The potential introduction of natural or intentional contaminants into agricultural products could have a dramatic impact on the United States: citizens' health would be at risk and the economy could suffer because of the likely loss of international markets for U.S. products.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (FAPRI)

Amount: \$1,139,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) project will be used to deploy an updated system to measure the impacts of large disruptions to world agricultural sectors such as new trade agreements, for ongoing estimation of the impact of the 2007 Energy Act on agriculture in the U.S. and around the world, and for evaluation of the use of carbon offset options for U.S. biofuel producers. With the new carbon model FAPRI researchers are uniquely placed to evaluate policies designed to reduce carbon emissions from agriculture. Research staff will use baseline projections from the analyses to determine the effect of various influences including agricultural prices, net returns, production, consumption, the net carbon balance, and government spending on the profitability of agriculture in the United States and in other major producing countries.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Midwest Poultry Consortium

Amount: \$471,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Midwest Poultry Consortium provides a structure to encourage multi-disciplinary research networks which enhance limited state and industry resources. For example, the project can focus on respiratory diseases, such as avian pneumovirus, which have resulted in losses of millions per year in Midwestern states, rank among the most important factors affecting the competitiveness of the poultry industry and are responsible for millions in losses to turkey and broiler production nationwide each year. In total, disease costs in poultry are estimated to be in the \$15 billion/year range.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: New Century Farm

Amount: \$282,000

Account: National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The New Century Farm is the first integrated and sustainable biofuel feedstock production system of its kind and will play a critical role in fulfilling this vision. It will serve as a living laboratory for developing and testing sustainable biomass systems through rigorous integration of agronomic, environmental, and socio-economic research. The New Century Farm at Iowa State University will be the first integrated, sustainable biofuel feedstock demonstration farm and research biorefinery in the United States, serving as a model for American biorenewable en-

ergy and bioproducts production and helping to transform the nation's agricultural enterprise to one that is feedstock ready.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Bio-Safety Institute for Genetically Modified Agriculture Products

Amount: \$259,000

Account: Animal Plant Health Inspection Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011

Description of Request: The Bio-Safety Institute for Genetically Modified Agriculture Products will assist enterprises seeking technical assistance on bio-product-related issues that would enable them to expand effectively. Helping these biobased product employers do so will improve the quality of the environment, revitalize the manufacturing sector and rural America, and enhance national security by reducing U.S. dependency on foreign oil.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Certified Environmental Management Systems for Agriculture

Amount: \$288,000

Account: Natural Resource Conservation Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Soybean Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 114th St., Urbandale, IA 50322

Description of Request: The Certified Environmental Management Systems for Agriculture program provides innovative technical assistance to individual farmers, helping them document baseline and performance data to measure environmental and economic results of their management practices and incorporate that data into continual performance improvement. It is an adaptive management system based on ISO 14001, addressing energy efficiency in farming and environmental, agronomic, and economic performance goals. Appropriations will support continued technical assistance for current and new participants; expand the use of the energy efficiency module piloted in '08 and adjust documentation and data aggregation procedures to enable the soybean and corn industry to benefit from documented data revealing the improved energy efficiency, carbon savings, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions associated with current farming practices, as well as potential improvements made possible by CEMSA management planning; expand the use of the new carbon sequestration, greenhouse gas emission reduction, and wildlife habitat planning modules and indices being developed and piloted this year.

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Watershed Demonstration Project

Amount: \$134,000

Account: Natural Resource Conservation Service

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Iowa Soybean Association

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 114th St., Urbandale, IA 50322

Description of Request: The Watershed Demonstration Project will help Iowa farmers identify and reduce their contribution to water pollution by providing technical assistance to groups of farmers in targeted watersheds and by collaborating with other watershed stakeholders to plan and implement watershed-specific strategies, measure outcomes, and adjust practices to optimize results. The proper management of natural resources related to cropland and the planning and implementation of conservation systems on cropland, especially in watersheds of impaired streams, is part of the federal mission, which this project helps to further. The work of improving and maintaining watershed health and water quality in agricultural watersheds will always require federal investment, and due to the downstream impact of Midwest agricultural water quality concerns all the way to estuary waters, such as the Gulf of Mexico, projects such as these are increasingly important.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, unfortunately Tuesday night, July 7, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Con. Res. 135 and H.R. 1129.

Had I been present for roll call No. 478, I would have voted "aye."

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#### BILL AND ANN BELLAIS

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Rev. William Bellais, Ed.D., and his wife, Ann Bellais, of Chillicothe, Missouri. Bill and Ann are very dedicated individuals who exemplify the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership. I thank Grace Episcopal Church for hosting a retirement reception in their honor on Sunday, July 12, 2009.

Bill has an impressive list of degrees, ranging from theological studies to history to counseling psychology. He received his Doctor of Education degree in higher education management and education psychology in 1988 from New Mexico State University.

Bill's dedication to his community and his country has been exceptional. He served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including service in Korea, as well as 17 years in the Army as an intelligence specialist, including two years of service in Vietnam, receiving over a dozen awards along the way. He has been the Rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Chillicothe since 1992, as well as an active member of the Diocese of West Missouri. Bill is the Chaplain for the Home Health and Hospice Department at Hedrick Medical Center in Chillicothe, and he also serves as an adjunct faculty staff member for several colleges. Bill is

also active in countless community activities, serving on the Board of Directors for organizations such as Hope Haven Industries, the North Central Missouri Rural Housing Coalition, Chillicothe Area Habitat for Humanity, the Chillicothe Rotary Club, and many more.

Ann Bellais has been just as active in the community as her husband. She has been a strong leader in the Missouri State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for years, having been an active member of DAR for an incredible 49 years. She has served as President for both the Chillicothe Church Women United group and the Chillicothe Garden Club. She has also served on the board of Hope Haven Industries, and she has represented the area for two hospitals in Kansas City—serving St. Luke's Hospital on a Spiritual Wellness Committee, and Children's Mercy Hospital on a regional council.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask my colleagues to join me in commending Bill and Ann Bellais for their dedicated service to the community of Chillicothe, Missouri. I know their colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking them for their commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in retirement.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN McHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SUNY Environmental School of Forestry

Address of Requesting Entity: SUNY ESF Bray Hall 224, Syracuse, NY 13210

Description: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the eradication of the Asian Long-Horned Beetle in New York State forest lands. The Asian Long-Horned Beetle is an invasive species that can have disastrous effects on forest areas. Several beetle infestations have already occurred in the U.S. including Chicago, NJ, Staten Island, NY and most recently in Worcester, Massachusetts in August 2008. In order to eradicate the beetle 30,000 trees were cut down in an effort to keep the beetle from spreading. While other methods are being explored, chopping down infested trees and burning the wood is currently the only way to eradicate the beetles which have no known natural predator in the U.S.

More than 61 percent of New York State is forested and highly vulnerable to an introduction of Asian Long-Horned Beetle. The trees preferred as hosts by the Asian Long-Horned Beetle are hardwoods, which also compose the majority of the Northeast United States mixed hardwood forests critical to New York rural economic vitality and the forest products

and wood-based renewable energy industries, New York State water quality, sequestration of carbon and greenhouse gases known to contribute to climate change.

There is no wide scale proactive protection technology deployed today and the threat is moving north toward the Catskill and west toward the Adirondack and Southern Tier. The Asian Long-Horned Beetle infestation is an economic, social and environmental disaster waiting to happen. Presently, all therapies for Asian Long-Horned Beetle infestation are reactive; all the trees are removed for miles around.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of California—Agriculture and Natural Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1111 Franklin Street, Room 6402, Oakland, California 94607

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,000,000 to continue the highly successful Pierce's Disease and Invasive Species Research Program. This program funds competitively awarded research grants to find solutions to this potentially devastating bacterial disease that threatens California's wine grape industry, as well as other grape varieties, citrus, almonds and tree fruit.

This program also focuses on other invasive species impacting California and the nation. These include pathogens (West Nile virus, Avian Influenza, Sudden Oak Death), insects (vine mealy bug, light brown apple moth), marine and fresh water species (green crab and quagga mussel), and weed species (yellow star thistle). Greater knowledge of these species, understanding of invasion biology parameters, and potential control and eradication strategies is critical for California and the U.S.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 18700 Ward St., Fountain Valley, California 92708

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 to expand an existing program and add an additional 5,500 Smart Irrigation Controllers to residential and commercial properties in Orange County, CA by 2011. These Smart Irrigation Controllers assist water customers in delivering the appropriate amount of water to residential and commercial landscapes by monitoring and accounting for soil type, slope, plant type, sun exposure and current weather conditions.